DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: That is correct, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know how it can be ascertained whether the lessees levy only the prescribed fees on any kind of material?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Sir, there is a provision that not more than one and a half times the prescribed fees should be levied. They may levy less; but if they levy more, there will be complaints and they will be looked into.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: That is not my point, Sir. The answer given is that the information asked for is not available. There is a rule that more than one and a half times the prescribed fees should not be levied. In view of the illiteracy prevailing among the fisherfolk, may I know whether the Department can expect any complaint if the lessees levy more?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Sir, unless a complaint is made, it is not possible for the Department to take action. The superior officers are doing their work of inspection and if such cases of excess levy are brought to their notice, they will enquire into the matter.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether a correct account of the fishing implements is not necessary if complaints are to be lodged?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Sir, the position is this. We do not insist on knowing how many licences they are giving or what fees they are charging. They may charge no fees at all or they may charge fees up to one and a half times the prescribed fees.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the honourable member does not think it desirable to have such a statement?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: It will be very difficult to arrange for such a statement being prepared, Sir.

Export duty on cocoanuts and cocoanut products.

386. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state the amounts collected as export duty on cocoanuts and cocoanut products from 1112-1115(both years inclusive)?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Punishments in the Police Department.

387. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names, with rank, of officers in the Police Department, who have been fined, suspended, degraded or reverted in the years 1115 and 1116 with reasons?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector-General of Police*): The †statement is laid on the table.

MR. KOTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Appendix IV shows that one officer was punished for failure to keep lock-up clean while at Parur. May I know the nature of the failure?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: It was reported that some reptiles looking like snakes were found in the lock-up. So, we punished the Inspector.

*Vide Appendix III Page 921.
†Vide Appendix IV. Page 922.

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MR. KOTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Was it discovered during the day time or at night?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Day time, Sir. It is like this, Sir. Just as I am technically responsible for anything that is done by the Police in the State as the Head of the Police Department, the S. H. O is responsible for his station.

PRESIDENT : If the I. G. had not punished the Inpector, the Government would have punished the I. G.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER : In Appendix IV against No. 11 it is stated "delay in charge sheeting a case." May I know the period of the delay?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : It went up to some months.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) : May I know whe ther the Inspector inspected the lock-up every minute?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : It is not like that. Whenever he goes to the Station, his eyes must be all round. After all, the station is a compact thing.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether it is not quite possible for a reptile to go into the lock-up just after the inspection by the inspector?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : It is quite possible, Sir

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether this offence is not a silly and insignificant one?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I should not think so. Supposing the snake bites the inmate, it will cost a life.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I know whether when the snake was found in the lock-up there were persons also in the lock-up?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, Sir, there was one.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I know whether it was merely the result of negligence on the part of the persons or whether the snake was put there ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : It was an accident and there was also negligence. A heap of materials was stacked at a little distance from the lock-ups. The enquiry showed that some of these reptiles were in the heap and they got into the lockup.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : I put the question because it was mentioned that the reptiles were found in the lock-up. There is a rumour that in some other State scorpions and reptiles are put into the lock-up.

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PRESIDENT : I do not think we adopt such methods.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : This sort of third degree method is suggested only by this honourable member. Nobody else has suggested that.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvella*) : May I know who discovered the reptile there ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : The inmates as well as the constable on duty .

Registry of prawn fishing junghars.

388. * MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of prawn fishing junghars registered and the amount of fees collected annually in the various sections from the year 1110 to the end of Makaram 1116 ;

(*b*) whether the junghars bear any marks to distinguish the registered ones ;

(*c*) whether any particular date and place are fixed for presenting and registering junghars and other implements and if not when and how the junghars and other implements are registered and fees collected ; and

(*d*) what are the safeguards provided against the collection at will and pleasure from the illiterate fishermen and misappropriation of licence fees by the low paid servants of the Department ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : (*a*) A *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No. The Fishery Sub-Inspector regularly goes out on patrol and issues licence to every junghar which he comes across.

(*d*) Periodical inspection by superior officers.

Cases of illicit fishing.

389. * MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state how many cases of illicit fishing were detected by the Sub-Inspectors, Inspectors and Director of Fisheries respectively annually from the year 1112 to 1115 and till the end of Makaram 1116 ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : A †statement containing the information is laid on the table.

Magistrate's Court for Varkala.

390. * MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government for establishing a new Magistrate's Court at Varkala?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : No.

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* Vide Appendix V page 923.

† Vide Appendix VI. page 924.

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Appendix IV.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 387**

Statement of Police Officers fined, suspended, degraded or reverted in the years 1115 and 1116.

S. No.	Name.	Rank.	Nature of punishment.	Reasons.
1	P. Padmanabhan Tampi	Inspector.	Suspended and subsequently dismissed.	Grave misconduct involving corrupt practices.
2	V. K. George	Do.	Suspension.	Irregularities in the investigation of a case.
3	M. M. George	Ag. Assistant Superintendent of Police.	Reversion.	Irregularities in the investigation of a case.
4	M. G. Krishna Pillai	Ag. Inspector.	Do.	Unsatisfactory work as Inspector.
5	P. N. Balakrishnan Nair	Do.	Do.	Defaults in the registration and the investigation of a case.
6	T. R. Nambi Iyengar	Inspector.	Fine.	Lack of control and neglect of conduct in the supervision of the daily cash transactions while he was the Manager of the Head Quarters Office.
7	C. A. Latiff	Do.	Do.	Disobedience of orders.
8	T. M. Kurien	Do.	Do.	Failure to keep lock-ups clean while at Parur.
9	A. Nagoor Rowther	Do.	Do.	Improper behaviour.
10	G. Raman	Do.	Do.	Failure to prove previous conviction in a case.
11	K. Ramachandra Iyer	Do.	Do.	Delay in charge-sheeting a case.